

REMARKS


In response to the examiner's earlier restriction requirement in the parent application, previously presented claims 9-24 and 29-39 were withdrawn. These claims are now being presented again. Claims 1-8, 25-28 and 40 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

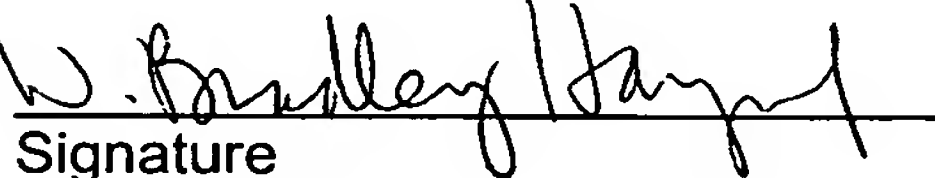
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